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Subject Hungjao Sanitarium - taken over by Japanese military.

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The Hungjao Sanitarium, No.310 Hungjao Road was established by and is the property of Dr. Ting Wei Kong (丁東偉).

After the outbreak of hostilities the Sanitarium was removed to its present address, 990-992 Avenue Foch while the house on Hungjao Road was leased to an Italian Doctor named Muto-Nardone. The lease was ante-dated so as to appear to have been concluded before hostilities and the monthly rental was set at \$900.00 but as far as can be ascertained no rent was ever paid. Dr. Muto-Nardone never occupied the premises but flew the Italian flag from the house, so that after the withdrawal of the Chinese troops, the Japanese did not occupy the place. Some five months ago the Russian Orthodox Confraternity successfully negotiated with Dr. Muto-Nardone to take over the Sanitarium as a mental Hospital. However, as the Japanese Military would not agree to the removal of patients to the Sanitarium the scheme fell through.

About three months ago, Dr. Muto-Nardone left Shanghai for Switzerland owing to the sickness of his children and before leaving turned over the lease of the Sanitarium to the Italian Consulate General. The officials of the Consulate recently broached the matter to certain Japanese military officials

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and agreed to the Japanese taking over the premises
on payment, it is said, of certain monies to the
interested parties in the Italian Consulate.

R. W. MacArthur.

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JAPANESE TROOPS TAKE OVER HUNGJAO SANITARIUM

The Hungjao Sanitarium is located at No. 310 Hungjao Road, Western District. It occupies a large area and has remained unused since the outbreak of hostilities on August 13, 1937, with only an Italian flag flying at the top of the building. Recently, it was occupied by the Japanese soldiers who have since put up several wooden sheds on a piece of vacant ground at the east side of the sanitarium. All the graves in the vicinity of the hospital have been smoothed over and the place has been closed by barbed wire fences. It is believed that these sheds were constructed for the storage of munitions or for the accommodation of vehicles.

Much speculation is prevalent as to the cause of the Japanese occupation of this sanitarium. One report says that the building will be converted into a Japanese military hospital, while another states that it will be used as the barracks for the puppet policemen. No confirmation of either of these two reports is, however, available, nor is it known as to whether the building was taken over by the Japanese soldiers through a lease or purchase from the proprietor or whether it was forcibly occupied by them.

It will be remembered that the Russian Orthodox Confraternity which has two hospitals, one on Route de Say Zoong and another in Route Maresca, French Concession, the latter being a mental ward, has been endeavouring to secure the lease of the premises of the Hungjao Sanitarium owing to lack of accommodation in its mental ward. Unexpectedly, while negotiations to this effect were going on, the building was occupied by the Japanese soldiers, thereby completely preventing the plan of the Russian institution from realization.